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Connecticut State Department of Education

450 Columbus Boulevard

Hartford, CT 06103

Dear sir or madam;

I am writing to express my deep concern and full disagreement with the State's current consideration of forced regionalization of the state's school districts. I have three children in the public school system in the Town of New Canaan. We are very happy with the status quo and are convinced your Department's plans will not improve the quality of education in our town and in fact risks doing significant harm to a system that is known at the national level to produce very successful education outcomes for students of all abilities and backgrounds. Applying a "one-size-fits-all" approach by mandating forced regionalization would be detrimental to our children, our schools, and our state. I strongly encourage the Department to abandon this effort.

Your very truly,

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